

WASHINGTON, DC - Today Congressman Rob Wittman released the following video statement, expressing cautious optimism on the return of numbers in the blue crab fishery while calling for continued relief for watermen.

Congressman Wittman also stressed a continuation of the efforts to clean up the Chesapeake Bay. Last year Wittman spearheaded efforts in Washington resulting in a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) declaration of a fishery disaster for Chesapeake Bay blue crabs. Congress provided \$20 million in assistance to restore the fishery and provide assistance to watermen. Wittman continues to work with NOAA and the Commonwealth of Virginia to ensure a healthy blue crab fishery.

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Congressman Rob Wittman represents the First District of Virginia. He was elected to his first full term in November 2008 and serves on the Natural Resources Committee and the Armed Services Committee where he is the Ranking Member of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.